



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 8, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“A Supreme Court decision overturned a rape conviction because the victim wore jeans. The justices stated that the victim must have helped the attacker remove her jeans, from which they inferred consent. People all over the world were outraged.

“Wearing Jeans has become an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault. The Denim Day in L.A. protests here in Los Angeles, spearheaded by Peace Over Violence (formerly the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women), have evolved into an annual, Countywide, highly-publicized, rape-prevention education campaign.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Proclaimed April 2008 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month,” and designated April 23, 2008 as “Denim Day”;
2. Urged everyone to wear jeans and attend “Denim Day” observances in their area on April 23, 2008 to help communicate the message that there is “No Excuse and Never an Invitation to Rape”; and
3. Instructed the Acting Auditor-Controller to work with Peace Over Violence to arrange the printing of Denim Day in L.A. information on employee check stubs for April 15, 2008 asking County employees to support “Denim Day in L.A.” by wearing jeans on April 23, 2008 to help communicate the message that there is “No Excuse and Never an Invitation to Rape.”

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